

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bob Reagan at the Fire Department. Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Tim Lewis and Town Administrator Michael Capone were also in attendance. Others present: Phil Salvail, Al Poznanski, David Heath, Joe Frazier, Craig Lawler, Paul Mirski and Mary-Anne Heath. Chairman Reagan led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of the April 22, 2008 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes and voted the following: Selectman Borthwick moved, Selectman Lewis seconded and the Board voted 3-0 to accept the Minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2008 as written.

Request from NH Legal Rights Foundation

Paul Mirski of the New Hampshire Legal Rights Foundation (NHLRF) appeared before the Board to request their support for a lawsuit to be filed with regard to having population be a qualifying factor for towns to have independent representation in the NH House. The NHLRF is not looking for financial support from the Town as the lawsuit is not seeking damages. Mr. Mirski outlined some of the history behind the effort to achieve the original objective set out in the 2006 Constitutional amendment which was supported by the residents of the State. Mr. Mirski took questions from the Board and those present. After some discussion, Selectman Borthwick made a motion to join the lawsuit. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and the Board voted 3-0 in favor.

Other Business

Michael supplied the Board with an agenda for the department meeting for Wednesday, April 30, 2008. The Board reviewed the agenda and had nothing to add to it.

Michael also had a reminder with regard to the meeting he will have with NHDES, Water System Operators and Wright-Pierce to review their proposal for disinfectant byproduct reduction in an effort to meet the new disinfectant byproduct regulations. The meeting will be on Friday, May 2, 2008 at 10:30AM at the Town office.

Michael asked the Board if they had any thoughts on which foresters should be contacted regarding an RFP for the timber cut at the Transfer Station. Chairman Reagan suggested that an ad be placed soliciting bids.

Michael received a request from the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee for a Selectmen's representative. Jim Miller had suggested that Selectman Borthwick be appointed because of his construction background. Michael mentioned that he had spoken with Selectman Borthwick who said he would be happy to serve on the Committee. Selectman Lewis made a motion to appoint Selectman Borthwick to be the Selectmen's representative to the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee. Chairman Reagan seconded the motion and the Board voted 2-0 in favor with Selectman Borthwick abstaining.

Selectman Lewis mentioned that he had discussed some improvements to John Roberts Road with the Road Agent, Bob Scott. Bob will be meeting with a representative from NHDOT with regard to the road.

Chairman Reagan reported that he had attended a meeting at Plymouth State to review some of the testing that will be done at Canaan Street Lake as part of the recently approved Grant for that purpose.

Al Poznanski mentioned that the Transfer Station Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 5PM in the Town Office conference room.

Non-Public Session (RSA 91 – A.3-c)

With no further business before the Board, at 7:36 PM Selectman Borthwick moved, Selectman Lewis seconded and the Board voted 3-0 to go into non public session to discuss personnel matters and advice from legal counsel. At 8:41 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and voted 3-0 by the Board. At 8:41 PM, Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lewis and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Selectman Lewis. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of adjournment at 8:42PM.

Robert Reagan

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis
Canaan Board of Selectmen